

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respond herein to the Office Action dated June 5, 2007.

Applicants' attorneys appreciate the Examiner's continued thorough search and examination of the present patent application.

Claims 21-32 are pending in this application. Claims 27-32 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 21-24 have been rejected. Claims 25-26 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 21 and 23-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2005/0033707 to Ehlers et al. ("Ehlers").

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ehlers, as applied to claim 21 above.

In response, independent claim 21 has been amended to include recitations of objected to claim 25 and intervening claims 23 and 24. Claim 21 has also been amended to move the recitation of the programming of the controlled events from the preamble into the body of the claim, and therefore more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 22-25 have been cancelled and claim 26 has been amended to depend from claim 21.

Thus, Applicants' independent claim 21 and dependent claim 26 are allowable.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all claims in this application are now in condition for allowance, prompt notification of which is requested.

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